

JANUARY 22, 1833.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

MR. WASHINGTON, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported the following bill:

**A BILL**

To establish Free Schools in the District of Columbia.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*  
3       for the purpose of establishing free schools within the District  
4       of Columbia, for the education of the poor children of said  
5       District, a fund is hereby created, to be applied under the di-  
6       rection and control of the respective corporate authorities of  
7       the cities of Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown, and  
8       of the levy courts of Washington and Alexandria counties;  
9       the apportionment to each to be in proportion to the popula-  
10      tion, under the last census, of said cities and counties respec-  
11      tively.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That* the fund so ap-  
2       propriated by this act, shall be paid over by the Secretary of  
3       the Treasury to the corporate authorities of each city, and the  
4       levy court of each county, for the purposes hereby intended,  
5       and no other, in the proportion to each, as provided by the  
6       foregoing section; and the said authorities shall, as soon as may

7 be after the receipt of the portion of the fund allotted to each,  
8 proceed to invest the same in some safe and permanent stock,  
9 the interest on which alone shall be applied to the education  
10 of the poor children of each city and county, under such rules  
11 and regulations as may be established by said corporate author-  
12 ities and levy courts respectively.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the purpose  
2 of carrying the provisions of this act into effect, the sum of  
3 one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated,  
4 to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise  
5 appropriated.